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I verily believe that I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **METHOD FOR COMBINING VIA PATTERNS INTO A SINGLE MASK**, the specification of which:

is attached hereto.

was filed on 11/24/2003 as Application Serial No. 10/720,887.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any Amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

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